

IRVIN COBB TELLS OF WAR TRAGEDY

Brings Tears to Crowd in Revealing What Red Cross Women Do.

NEW YORK, April 13.—Patriotic outbursts of applause, alternating with suppressed sobbing, frequently interrupted the talk given by Irvin S. Cobb, war correspondent and writer, in the Forrest Theater yesterday.

"Thrice Is He Armed That Hath His Quarrel Just" was his subject. The audience that literally packed the house listened with rapt attention.

The lecture was under the auspices of the Independence Square Auxiliary of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Red Cross. Mr. Cobb made an earnest plea for assistance for the Red Cross.

During his appeal a dramatic incident occurred. A message was handed to him.

"The psychological for once has occurred" at the psychological moment," he said after opening it. "Here is a cablegram sent from London to George Horace Lorimer, editor of the Saturday Evening Post, saying, 'Give my check for my article for \$1,000 to the American Red Cross.' It is signed Northcliffe." It was from Lord Northcliffe, proprietor of the London Times and scores of other British publications, and one of the towering personages of the empire.

After recounting experiences in Europe since the outbreak of the war and picturing the changes in national life which he saw effected, Mr. Cobb told of the hardships of Red Cross nurses in the war zone, which he said were far different than most women of the United States imagine.

Continuing, he said:

"I saw in one hospital at the front, three women engaged in a common service, and one, they told me, was a countess, a noble-born woman, no longer young, and plainly not strong, but to the best of her ability and to the limit of her strength doing whatever service she might be called upon to do. The second member of the trio, and the head of the force, was a professional trained nurse, and to her, I suppose, this was part of the routine of her avocation, although she was bringing to it a full measure of mercy and kindness to the poor, stricken fragments of humanity lying there.

"And the third was a prostitute from the city sidewalks, whose lover was at the front, and she, too, had volunteered, and, wearing the same uniform and sharing the same fortune, for the time being, as her more favored sisters, on the same social level with the others, she was doing with them those beautiful services for the afflicted.

"And the old doctor looked at that woman, and said to me, 'My son, in this war every day somewhere, over and over again, the story of Mary Magdalene is repeated.'"

Must Expect Losses.
"Personally, I confess I have not much sympathy with the people who believe—and there are many of us who do believe it—that we can go to war against another nation and not have war made on us in return; that we can strike blows and not receive blows in return. If you knew something of the spirit behind all wars, and particularly the spirit behind Germany in this war, you would know that that cannot be.

"We have got to give a measure of our manhood to die on the field. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. And every one here, and every man and every woman and every child in America is going to have to give, and give, and give, and keep on giving. I have no doubt that there are mothers in this audience who will give their sons to die for their country, and sisters who will send their brothers to death, and every one of us who does not go to the front must serve behind the lines, either in money or in the work of our hands, or in that which means more to a nation in peril than any material force, in white-hearted loyalty to our flag, our President, our soldiers, and our country."

The faces of men and women in the audience were tense as the speaker finished this picture of the future possibilities.

He paid a tribute to the efficiency of the Germans at war and told of the "most barbarous and most thorough-going fashion" in which they conduct war.

"The Enemy We Fight."
Then he said:
"And that is the enemy we fight today, and he is going to employ against us the same methods and the same relentlessness as against those countries over yonder."

"I made up my mind that one of the principal troubles with the German way of conducting the war was that they are not good sports; the thing that stands out just as clearly on the field of battle as on the athletic field. It is impossible to conceive of a group of Prussian officers playing football or baseball or cricket and abiding by the rules of the game, as to imagine a bunch of Yankee volunteers marching to the goosestep. They are not good sports."

Time and again there were sobs and suppressed weeping in the big gathering, and the speaker himself was not ashamed to show his emotion. Mr. Cobb told many amazing incidents, one in particular, convulsing his audience with laughter. It was his appearance before a son of the Kaiser in carpet slippers, which he wore because his shoes had been worn out.

The stage was draped with American and Red Cross flags, and Boy Scouts stood about it at attention. At the conclusion rousing cheers for Cobb were given, and "The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung by the entire assemblage.

SHOWS FLAGS OF ALLIES

Highlands Apartment House Displays Colors of 14 Nations.

Strung across the entrance to the Highlands apartment house, fluttering proudly in the breeze, and waving back and forth as one, are fourteen flags.

In the center of the group is a silk banner, much larger than the rest. It is Old Glory, and it occupies the center of prominence of the flag of the allied nations, fourteen in number.

From every apartment house in the city there hang American flags, but the Highlands apartment seems to be the first which has displayed the flag of the allied nations.

TO CARE FOR HORSE IN WAR

Animal Lovers Organize Branch of Relief Work.

In the rush of military preparedness most every comfort and convenience has been provided for the soldiers and sailors of Uncle Sam. Nimble fingers of Sister Susie and her thousands of sisters throughout the country will travel many a mile over knitting boards to make warm things for the fighting men.

But who is to think of the fighting horse?

Believing that old Dobbin should not be left to suffer the brunt of warfare, animal lovers in all parts of the United States are organizing a branch of the American Red Star Animal Relief.

A meeting will be held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the offices of the Washington Humane Society, 1542 H Street, northwest, to organize a Washington branch of the animal relief association.

HERE'S SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

Introducing Miss Edwards, Washington's First First Aid to Telegraphy.

Her name's Miss Edwards, and she sends telegrams and transforms scratchy handwriting into neatly typed messages which smooth the wrinkles from the brows of the operators who send the messages of the hot polo and the high class customers of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

She's brown-haired and has soft brown eyes and she looks intelligent and doesn't chew gum. She can make a typewriter fairly fly, and when she strikes an "i" instead of an "o" she frowns in such an attractive manner that the customer wishes he was sending 500 words instead of a paltry ten.

An Innovation.

For she's the innovation in Washington telegraph circles. She's employed by the Western Union Company to do nothing but rewrite badly expressed messages, tell how much it will cost to send eleven words from here to some little out-of-the-way town in south Illinois, advise, console, and take dictation from portly business men who don't want to write themselves.

The "lobby tylist" is not a new thing in the Western Union Telegraph Company, but it is in Washington. Miss Edwards is the first one that has ever occupied that position here, but there are others in the majority of the large cities in the country in which the Western Union has offices.

So, Mr. Telegram Sender, when you want to tell some faraway friend "somewhere in the United States" that you are going to join the ranks of the benedictines, or else that your Aunt Somebody left you a million dollars and you are on Easy Street for the rest of your hardworked life, go to see Miss Edwards, in the lobby of the Western Union—she'll tell you how to say it for the least expense, just how much it will cost you back to send the message, and typewrite the message so the operator can read it.

PROPOSES FOOD EMBARGO

Senator King Would Investigate Germany's Supply Sources.

The Senate is expected to take under consideration Monday the resolution of Senator King of Utah which points in the direction of putting the lid down still harder on the German food supply.

The King resolution is looked on as pointing to further restrictions on food shipments to Holland and Scandinavian countries.

If the figures show that Germany is getting large supplies of foodstuffs through neutrals, Senator King then will propose an embargo on such foodstuffs as are likely to reach Germany.

ISLANDS WEAR AWAY.

EASTON, Md., April 13.—Erosion by the waves of the Chesapeake and the tides is causing gradual loss of Talbot county territory. This erosion is most noticeable on Sharp's and Tilghman's islands. From 435 acres in 1848 Sharp's Island was cut down to ninety-one acres in 1900 and probably will disappear entirely by the middle of the century. In 1847 Tilghman's Island had 2,015 acres, and in 1900 1,986 acres.

SOLDIER WHITTLERS CONTEST FOR FAME

Veterans Soon to Ask Final Judgment On Their Handiwork.

Professional jealousy has stirred the feelings of the two acknowledged best cracker-box whittlers of Washington. It came about thus:

A. S. Barber, an old soldier, has been a famous whittler all his life, but until this year had never had occasion to prove his right to the river championship—he does most of his whittling at the Twelfth street wharf. The championship was his by default, according to his opponents; by consent, according to his friends.

Challenger's Work a Secret.
But last January another old soldier, John Marner, came to town from "down river." He believed he was some whittler, too, and more adept at the art than Barber, and did not hesitate to say so. Furthermore, he whittled out several unique articles to prove his contention. This aroused the ambitious pride of the first whittler, who snorted his disdain, and set about to show the outsider a few wrinkles in what could be done with a pocket knife and a piece of wood. He scorned such soft wood as pine, and used oak or walnut when he could get it. The contest now is nearing the end.

The challenger has not shown his work of art as yet, but is strutting around with a knowing look, as if he is about to spring a big surprise. But Barber's friends now claim the championship for him from the fact that from a thick walnut board he has whittled out a picture frame made of 104 small pieces and joined together so adeptly that no one can tell where the joints are made.

Backers Grow Partisan.

But the contest is to be decided within a very few days now. No judges have been selected, and it is expected that "merry old time" will occur when the two works of art are set out for final inspection and judgment. The backers of the two "champions" are becoming partisan, and there is some doubt as to whether a quiet and peaceful settlement can be made.

TO AID CHILDREN IN WAR

Federal Bureau Seeks Data to Help Juvenile America.

How best to conserve the child life of the nation in war times, and to protect homes, is being studied by the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor.

Bureau officials believe the experience of other countries have been carefully considered in order that all possible provision may be made to prevent harm to the children of the nation.

In Europe juvenile delinquency has increased, more children have been employed under adverse conditions, special measures have been necessary to protect mothers and babies, and home life has been broken up by increased employment of mothers.

HEBREW CHARITIES ASK AID

Lee Baumgarten Issues Appeal for Sufferers Here.

Lee Baumgarten, president of the United Hebrew Charities, today renewed his appeal for financial assistance so that charitable work may continue among Jewish sufferers in the Capital.

"The amount of funds now on hand," said Mr. Baumgarten today, "cannot possibly be stretched to cover the rest of the fiscal year. Unless aid is forthcoming soon the society will have to cease its charitable work on behalf of Washington's Jewish poor."

Mr. Baumgarten declares the real danger of the war is from poverty, sickness, and poor crops.

BITES FOR MRS. M. M. SMITH.

Funeral services for Mrs. Marietta M. Smith, aged seventy-six, an annual visitor to this city for the past fifteen years who died at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Milton I. Brittain, 2213 Thirtieth street northwest yesterday, were held there today. The body was sent to the former home of Mrs. Smith in Springfield, Mass., where it will be interred tomorrow. Mrs. Smith was the widow of the Rev. E. A. Smith.

DR. GILL DECLINES

Because of Poor Health Will Not Accept Conference Presidency.

Because of poor health, the Rev. Dr. John M. Gill, former pastor of the Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, yesterday declined to accept the presidency of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The position had already been declined by the Rev. George W. Haddaway.

The Rev. Luther Warner, of Salisbury, was elected to fill the position in the absence of the Rev. Dr. John C. Bowers, incumbent, who has been ill. It is understood that he will accept the position and take charge at once.

ONE CAR STONED; ONE IS DERAILED

Trouble Breaks Out Anew on Washington Railway and Electric Car Lines.

Trouble broke out anew on the lines of the Washington Railway and Electric Company early today, when one car was stoned and another derailed.

Edward J. Beavers, forty years old, of Melrose avenue, Hyattsville, was cut by flying glass when two stones crashed through the windows of a Maryland line car at Twenty-eighth street and Rhode Island avenue northwest, shortly after midnight.

Soon after 5 o'clock this morning a northbound Eleventh street car ran off the track near Clifton street northwest, when the wheels struck the covering of a plow pit, which had been raised above the grade.

Motorman Thomas Oliver suffered cuts on the face and shoulders from flying glass. He went to Garfield Hospital. Conductor Thomas Kelley had his legs bruised, but refused treatment. No passengers were hurt. J. W. Tucker of 530 Seventh street southeast, was slightly injured when a milk wagon which he was driving collided with a Washington Railway and Electric car, eastbound at Second and East Capitol streets early today. He refused to go to a hospital.

VETERANS ORGANIZE FOR HOME DEFENSE

Members of Seven Local Bodies Will Form Protective Force.

"Veteran Reserve Corps—War with Germany."

Such is the name of the newest defense body, formed last evening as a home guard, to relieve the regular troops for service at the front, and take upon itself the duty of guarding the National Capital. The guard will be formed of veteran soldiers who, although too old for enlistment in the regular army, are active enough and young enough to take upon themselves the duty of home defense.

The decision to form the guard was reached at a meeting of veterans of the Spanish war, held at the National Tribune building. It was an enthusiastic patriotic, earnest meeting.

The G. A. R. was represented by Department Commander A. H. Frear, the United Spanish War Veterans by Department Commander Lee H. Harris, the Army and Navy Union by National Aide Harry Buckley and Past Department Adjutant Finucane, the Veterans of Foreign Wars by Capt. Winfield Jones, the Association of Former Sailors by Robert F. Bradbury, the Eighth Army Corps Association by William L. Hickey, and the Rough Riders by Creighton Marshall. Col. John McElroy was elected temporary chairman, and Capt. J. Walter Mitchell temporary secretary. Colonel McElroy will appoint a committee of seven members, representing the several organizations, to formulate plans for final organization and to tender its services to the proper authorities.

WARNS OF U. S. ARMY

Berlin Critic Tells Germans Not to Underestimate America.

AMSTERDAM, April 13.—Warning that Germany should not underestimate the seriousness of America's entrance into the war was voiced by the Berlin Tageblatt's critic, Captain Pergeus, in copies received here today. "The United States military strength must not be shrugged at," he said. "We must not make the same mistake we made regarding Great Britain's military forces."

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